



## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Diana Cormack

### Holy Trinity

Pancakes were on the menu at lunchtime on Shrove Tuesday and the children who take school meals were delighted to have pancake races in the playground.

Ash Wednesday was marked by a whole school service at Holy Trinity Church led by Father Hill.

All are welcome to an afternoon service at Holy Trinity Church on 6 April when pupils will be using their dramatic and musical talents to celebrate Easter.

A toddler group has been launched at the school and it is to be held on a regular basis.

Every child was given a £1 book voucher to mark World Book Day. These could be used to buy books at the school Book Fair which took place during Book Week. The children enjoyed a variety of special events that week, including book making, listening to a story teller, writing book reviews and dressing up as characters from books. The staff joined in this activity.

The school has been raising money for the Water Aid charity by collecting coins in plastic bottles. Meanwhile, a coffee and cake afternoon with plenty of homemade contributions raised £160.

Parents whose children have school dinners can see exactly what's on the menu each week by visiting the Restaurant Ecole website at [www.restaurant-ecole.com](http://www.restaurant-ecole.com).

### Martin Schools

Martin Schools' Open Afternoon gave new and existing parents the chance to see what really happens in the classroom and to inspect the wide range of facilities and learning activities available. Visitors were also able to ask questions of the staff and children as they toured the schools before meeting for a welcome tea provided by the PTA.

Martin Junior girls gave a brilliant performance at Barnet's 16<sup>th</sup> Dance Festival, held in the arts depot. Twelve Year 6 children danced to *All That Jazz* from the musical *Chicago* and kept up the school's proud tradition at this annual event.

A small group from Martin Junior School choir have been invited to join Jan Trott, who leads the choir, in a performance of Bach's *St Matthew Passion* at a church in Sloane Square on Palm Sunday. The children will sing with Canticum, one of Britain's leading chamber choirs.

Many children from Years 5 and 6 have joined the Latin Club, an unusual addition to the wealth of different clubs at the school. As well as starting to learn Latin, they are also creating art from the ancient world. A series of sketches which they performed in assembly wearing appropriate Roman costume transfixed the audience, who were given a translation of the Latin script.

Martin Infant School supported the Daffodil Appeal in aid of the Marie Curie Cancer Care Trust.

Children and staff celebrated World Book Day by coming to school dressed as a favourite book character for the day. £1 book vouchers were given to all the children. They also had an after-school Book Fair.

Parents who attended the Annual General Meeting were able to enjoy a Restaurant Ecole meal and experience what their children do every day. The hall was prepared and decorated for the event by the PTA.

## YOUNG ARCHER Cinderella re-told

Year One pupils at Holy Trinity School have been learning about traditional stories this term. Here, pupil Jessica Baker-Goldsmith writes and illustrates her own version of the Cinderella story.



Once upon a time there lived a lovely and very pretty girl called Cinderella. She had two mean sisters called Dippy and Dolly. They were mean to Cinderella. She hated her sisters. They were so mean they made her do all the housework. They were so ugly.

That morning in the post there was an invitation. Every girl in the land was invited to the ball but Cinderella's sisters would not let her go.

"Help me dress, Cinderella," said Dippy. "Do my hair," said Dolly. When Dippy and Dolly had gone, there was a flash of light and a magical fairy appeared. She made Cinderella a magical dress, some magical

shoes and a magical crown.

So in the end Cinderella got to go to the ball but the fairy nearly forgot to tell Cinderella at twelve o'clock she should leave and if she didn't she would turn into a toad.

When Cinderella left she forgot to take one of her shoes but the Prince married Cinderella and they lived together.



Hagrid, Harry Potter, Captain Underpants and a spaceman line up for World Book Day. Photo by John Lawrence

## World Book Day weaves its magic

By Helen Drake

Judging by the costumes being worn, popular stories such as *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *The Cat in a Hat*, *Peter Pan* and the Harry Potter series had been a great source of inspiration for the children and staff at East Finchley's primary schools when they dressed up as their favourite book characters to celebrate World Book Day.

Both Holy Trinity School and Martin Infants School encouraged their children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character - and the teachers weren't left out either.

Captain Underpants, alias Tim Bowden, Head teacher at Holy Trinity, said: "Everyone made a fantastic effort to come in costume. It shows that books can be enjoyed for life, not just in Book Week."

Hogwarts' own Professor McGonagall, aka Katie Dawbarn, Deputy Head of Martin Infants School, said: "Asking the children to dress as their favourite book character really promotes their interest in books. It also inspires them to try new books."

So what makes a particular story special? At Martin Infants,

Salma said she liked the Lola and Charlie books by Lauren Child because the stories are about "real things". Casie was fond of Snow White because "she wears nice clothes and is kind to the dwarves". Zannat thought the Topsy and Tim books were special because "they are about a brother and sister and they are nice to each other". Differing views emerged about Harry Potter. Jake liked the Hogwarts pupil because "he can do magic" but Tom gave a reason you can't argue with: "It's because he's a wizard and I'm a wizard".

World Book Day is the biggest annual event supporting books and reading in the UK and Ireland. All children in participating schools receive a £1 book token.

## Schools' rugby challenge

The Easter school term ends with a venture which could launch a new East Finchley tradition.

The headteachers at Holy Trinity and Martin Juniors have decided to join forces in a Tag Rugby competition for several local schools. Tim Bowden at Holy Trinity is organising the competition while Martin Juniors will host the event on the school field on 7 April.

11+ Tuition £20 per hour  
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**All Saints' Church,**  
Durham Road, East Finchley  
Church of England

Sunday masses at 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.  
Weekday masses at 10.00 a.m.  
Prayer requests are gladly accepted.

The Parish has a flourishing social life.  
Contact the Vicar, Fr Christopher Hardy,  
on 020 8883 9315.

All Saints' also has a strong musical tradition and an enthusiastic choir of both adults and children.  
Experienced singers are always welcome.  
Contact Geoffrey Hanson on 020 8444 9214.

<http://www.allsaints-eastfinchley.org.uk>

### East Finchley Baptist Church

Just off the High Road in Creighton Avenue N2

Sundays at 11.00 am and 6.30 pm

For more information  
please contact the Church Office  
Tel: 8883 1544 (Minister: Simon Dyke)

Visitors always welcome